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If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request an extension of time to reply of THREMONTHS under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The fee of \$950.00 due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) therefor is paid herewith.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit deposit account 11-0600 in the amount of \$1130,00 for the amounts due herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) [\$950] and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) [\$180]. Applicants respectfully submit that no additional fees are due with this paper. If additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit deposit account 11-0600 for such additional fees.

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